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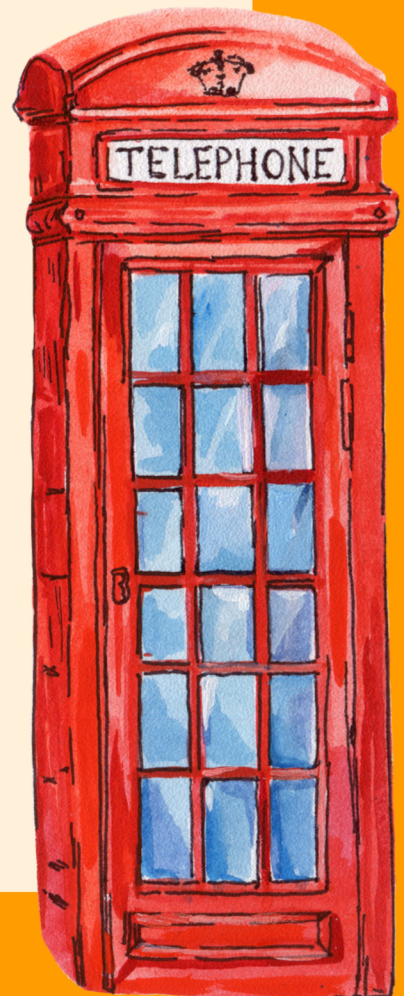
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JOINING INSTRUCTIONS





Dear Volunteers,

Greetings from London! I hope that this message finds you all in fine fettle. The next few weeks will fly-by in a jiffy and you will be London bound before you know it. Ahead of distributing your London Band Week Survival Guides - sounds way too *Hunger Games* but it is not - we thought that these Joining Instructions might be useful to help you plan your trip and arrival procedures. As ever, if you have any questions, you can reach me at joe@londonbandweek.com

See you soon, (London) Joe... and Go Vols!

Day 1 arrival

You will be met in the Arrivals Hall by your London Band Week Liaison Officers. When your travel group is ready, the Liaison Officers will lead you to the coach pick-up area. The journey into central London will take approximately 80 minutes (traffic pending). The coaches will drop you off on **Haymarket** - the closest the drivers can (safely) get to the Bag Drop & Hotel. A meet & greet team will be waiting for you, and along with your Liaison Officers will escort you on the 5 minute walk to the Bag Drop.

Bag Drop


Picture House Central

15 Great Windmill Street, London W1D 7DH
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CLICK HERE



London Band Week will staff a desk here. You'll be able to leave your bags and luggage until the hotel check-in opens at 15:00. On-site there is a large bar, restaurant and cafe, in addition to washrooms and wi-fi. If you want to sit & relax for a while, you can do so here. Once you have collected your pre-paid **Oyster Card**  (Tube) & Survival Guide, you can head out and start sight-seeing.

Hotel

Zedwell Hotel

Great Windmill Street, London, W1D 7DH
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All the bedrooms have ultra fast wi-fi and are fitted with USB port chargers. If you bring any electrical devices with an AC plug (as in an electric plug and not a bath plug or ear plug), then you will need a UK (not EU!) **AC power socket adapter**. The Hotel Front-Desk are able to loan hair-dryers (and ironing boards) upon request. Towels are provided and the en-suite bathrooms (walk-in monsoon showers have complimentary shampoo & body-wash (but not Conditioner). You will need to bring a **clothes hanger** if you don't want to live out of a suitcase.

Cell phones

You don't have to bring a cell phone to London if you don't want to. We don't want you walking around London with your phones on display more than needed. If you do decide to bring your cell phone, **check your roaming charges with your service provider** and make sure you manage this whilst in London (switch data/roaming off to avoid possible excess charges), and also make sure you have "gadget" travel insurance.

Apps

The Apps listed on the next page may be of use whilst you are in London (or for **conducting research** about your trip prior to departure). They are all available on Android and iOS and are free to use (but the Theatre apps require a registration).

RECOMMENDED



"TfL Go: Live Tube, Bus & Rail"



"Thames Clippers Tickets"



"London Live Bus Countdown"



"Santander Cycles"

RECOMMENDED



"Stonehenge Audio Tour"



"Stagedoor"



"Today Tix"



Today Tix run the **Hamilton Lottery**. The Lottery opens every Friday and closes the following Thursday. You win the chance to purchase x2 £10 tickets for the following week. Otherwise, as at now, there are some £40 tickets still available.

Note: **Wednesday & Thursday** evening are your best opportunities for when to catch a show. On a budget? **Shakespeare's Globe Theatre** [↗](#) has "Yard" **tickets from just £5** for *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Comedy of Errors*. The Globe is unique theatre experience and really easy to get to from your hotel.



These are all travel related Apps. They are great for maps & journey planning.

The "Stones": after you have installed the app, you will need to download the audio guide (the English version is also suitable for Americans).



Tickets to "West End" shows can be prohibitively expensive - but there are deals to be had. These Apps are a great way to find out what's on. They often run deals. Always double check direct with the theatre as some shows are only bookable direct with the venue (The Globe and Hamilton for example).



Packing items

We recommend that you bring comfortable **footwear** for walking (including to & from the boat party). Remember: you travel across the pond overnight so a **change of clothes for the first evening (Tuesday) in London** might be a good idea! The UK summer is PERFECT - warm but not Knoxville humid. Rain can happen. The Boat Party has a "**FORMAL**" dress code (a UTK ruling!) otherwise... anything goes! Bring **headphones** for the Stonehenge audio tour. The legal age for purchasing alcohol is 18. To do so you will *most likely* need a **Photo ID** (definitely for the Boat Party). Don't use your Passport for this - we need to keep them safe!

Spending money

You will need to self-fund 3 lunches & 2 evening meals. £15 per lunch & £20 per evening meal is a good budget - it won't get you a table at The Ritz but it should keep you out of McDonald's! Depending on your flight allocation (UK arrival & departure), you may want to factor an additional lunch for the day of travel.

How much spending money depends on the extra things you want to do. Remember, your itinerary includes entry to the Tower of London, Stonehenge, Windsor Castle, Hampton Court Palace and of course, the boat party. London can match every budget. On average a Pint of Beer costs £7.50 (more depending upon where you drink); a cup of coffee £3; a can of soda £2 and a bottle of water £1.90. A single Tube journey starts from £2.50 & the minimum fare in a Black Cab is £3.20.

Your Oyster Card will have enough credit to cover the London Band Week itinerary and you can "top-up" as needed for additional journeys you make.

If you want to bring personal spending money, £30-£50 per day should be plenty.

Notify your bank/card company that you are traveling to England and check if they charge you fees for international transactions, from there decide if a pre-paid travel money card would be better for you.